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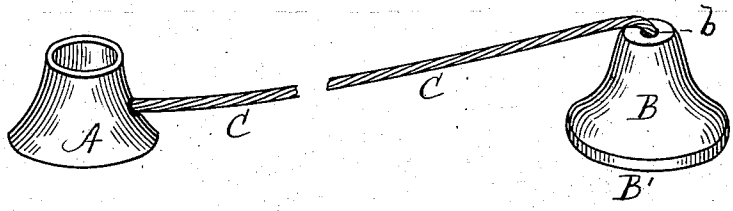


Fig. 1.

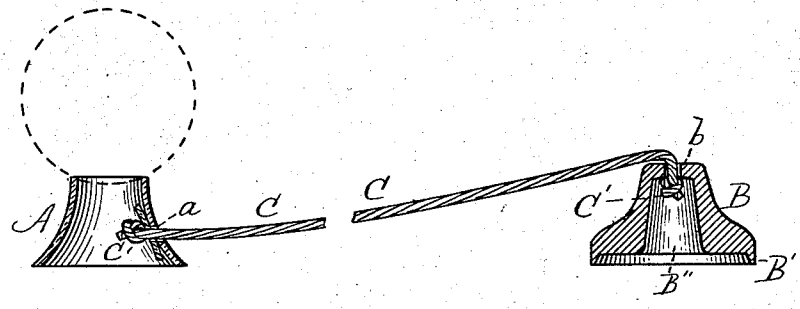


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES EDWARD NEWTON, a citizen of the United States, residing in Fall River, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Golf-Tees, of which the following is a specification.

In the game of golf when the player is to strike the ball from the teeing-off ground he either draws up a little earth into a small mound, called a "tee," or he places an artificial tee of approximately the shape of a frustum on the ground and lays the ball thereon preparatory to striking it. In cold weather when the ground is frozen it is impossible to scrape up the earth into a tee, and hence artificial ones are necessarily used. When the ball is placed on an artificial or manufactured tee, however, the tee is very apt to become lost or sent off a long distance by being struck by the club, as it requires much accuracy to strike the ball full without striking the tee.

This invention has for its object to prevent the artificial or manufactured tee from being lost or sent any considerable distance by the club in the hands of the player.

The nature of the invention is fully described below and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, with a portion of the safety or guard cord being represented as broken out. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the tee proper, made, preferably, hollow of tolerably-soft rubber. The position of the ball on the tee is indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2.

B is a heavy metallic weight or anchor, provided on its under side with a downwardly-extending annular V-shaped flange B′. This weight or anchor is broader at the base than at the top, provided with a recess or chamber B″ of suitable size, and furnished with a hole *b* in and through its upper portion. The tee is provided with a hole *a* in its wall, and a cord or wire or the equivalent of either, preferably about one foot in length, extends from the tee to the weight or anchor and is secured at its opposite ends by being passed through the holes *a b* and being knotted at C′.

When the ball is struck by the player, the tee if touched by the club will swing around on a circle at which the anchor B is in the center, and hence cannot become lost. The weight of the anchor and the fact that the flange B′ extends into the ground prevents it from being pulled out of its position by the tee and cord, and its broad base prevents it from being pulled over onto its side.

Of course the length of the guard C may be varied, if desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A golf-tee of frusto-conical form, an anchoring-weight having a broad base and centrally-apertured top, and a flexible connection attached to said tee and secured in the central aperture of said weight, substantially as specified.

2. A golf-tee of frusto-conical form, having a broad hollow base and a seat for the ball at the top, in combination with a frusto-conical weight, apertured at top, flanged at bottom, and connected with said tee by a flexible connection swiveled in said apertured top, substantially as specified.

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